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Joanne Davies (far left) celebrates success with The Addict Initiative

BASINGSTOKE HAS GOT TALENT

PROUD parents of a brother and sister who shot to the Britain's Got Talent finals say the news was a "lifeline" while their mum is battling cancer.

Ben and Joanne Davies, from Dartmouth Walk, South Ham, were celebrating yesterday after winning the

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semi-finals with dance group The Addict Initiative.
Judges David Walliams, Alesha

Dixon, and Simon Cowell voted the 26-strong troupe through live on ITV on Tuesday night.

Simon Cowell called them "one of the best dance acts we have had on the show," a credit to Ben who choreographed The Addict Initiative's evil-themed dance routine.

Ben, 25, watched nervously backstage as sister Joanne, 22, performed with the dancers.

The former Queen Mary's College pupil said: "It was the most incredible experience."

"And to hear from Simon Cowell that he thought we were the best dance

act since Diversity...we are so honoured."

"I was so relieved they loved the routine because I took a bit of a risk twisting the fairy-tale of Snow White."

"We are all good friends and my sister dances in the group too."

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Race to fight for Basingstoke vote

LABOUR is "neck and neck" in the fight for Conservative MP Maria Miller's seat because of the row over her expenses, the party claimed yesterday.

Labour's rival for Conservative MP Maria Miller's seat in Basingstoke, Paul Harvey, said the elections last week proved the parties are on level pegging for next year's General Elections.

The party says door-stepping residents during their election campaigns over the last few weeks showed them the dissatisfaction residents felt following the expenses saga.

Labour gained three seats while Conservatives lost one.

But Mrs Miller said the votes were down to dissatisfaction with the EU.

Cllr Harvey, of Basingstoke's Norden ward, said: "One of the main issues that came up was Maria Miller herself. There was a palpable anger, a sense that she has done wrong."

"People said it seemed like there was one rule for her and another for them."

"We are now for the first time in 30 years the largest party in Maria Miller's constituency."

"It's neck and neck, and that puts us in a very strong position for next year."

Mrs Miller said: "People in Basingstoke feel the EU is not working for them and not working for Britain."

"Over the campaign people told me they want an EU that promotes free trade to ensure jobs in Basingstoke are secure but

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doesn't leave Britain governed by Brussels.

Only the Conservatives want to change the EU and give people a say through an in/out referendum.

"We can provide answers to people's anger whereas Labour want to go back to what got us into a mess in the first place with more spending, more borrowing and more taxes."

Mrs Miller announced her resignation as culture secretary last month following allegations about her expenses.

A report by parliamentary standards commissioner Kathryn Hudson said she over-claimed by £45,000 for expenses towards mortgage payments for her London home.

But the Commons Standards Committee voted she only needed pay back £5,800.

Basingstoke and Deane is part of three parliamentary constituencies, Basingstoke, North West Hampshire and North East Hampshire.

Labour claims they are strongest in the town itself with 17 seats to the Conservative's 13.

Overall across Basingstoke and Deane, Conservatives have the most seats, with 29 to Labour's 17, Lib Dem's eight, UKIP's two and Independent's two.

Next year's General Elections are on May 7.



• (Above) Paul Harvey and (below) Maria Miller

Man locked up for killing grandad

A KILLER who stabbed a Basingstoke grandad to death was jailed for 10 years last week.

William Smith (left), 28, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Stephan Hollow by a jury at Winchester Crown Court on Thursday.

Smith, of Pershore Road, Basingstoke, was sentenced to 10 years behind bars.

Mr Hollow, 53, was found with five stab wounds outside his

house in Blackdown Close, Buckskin, on August 19 last year.

Detective Sergeant Mark Huxford, from the Hampshire Constabulary major investigation team, said: "The guilty verdict comes after a thorough investigation by officers from Hampshire Constabulary."

"The incident in August last year shocked members of the community and I'd once again like to thank the public for their

cooperation during the initial investigation and particularly those who stood up in court and gave evidence."

"Our thoughts today are with the family and friends of Stephan who have been extremely brave throughout the investigation and the trial. We are pleased this case has now come to a close. We hope that those who were close to Stephan can now begin to rebuild their lives."

News Bites

A303 roadworks

ROAD resurfacing work starts today the A303 shutting sections of the road to traffic.

The work on the A303 between the A34 at Bullington Cross and Micheldever Station will run until July 9 from 10pm to 6am on weekdays.

Work starts today on the eastbound carriageway for eight nights. Work on the westbound carriageway then runs for 15 nights from June 10, returning onto the eastbound carriageway for six nights from July 1.

During the work, the A303 will be closed in one direction at a time between the A34 and M3.

Poetry contest

CHILDREN across Hampshire have until June 30 to enter a poetry competition.

The contest, run by Hampshire's The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), asks for schoolchildren to write about the countryside.

CPRE Hampshire's director, Michael Rescorle, said: "We are sure that many children will be out and about with their families, enjoying the outdoors, come rain or shine. We are asking parents and grandparents to encourage children to write down a few words in a poem, to sum up the countryside that they know and love."

The two age categories are school years six and below or school years seven to 13.

The poem should be less than 300 words.

To enter go to cprehampshire.org.uk.

Cycle challenge

A BRAVE member of staff at Hook hotel is peddling from London to Istanbul without any help.

Frederik Van Niekerk, from Tylney Hall Hotel in Ridge Lane, Rotherwick, is cycling the 3,400km via Paris, through the Alps and Montenegro.

The Transcontinental Bike Ride was dreamed up by the founders of the Tour de France.

Riders plan their own route and have to finish within 14 days.

Freddie said: "This is a huge challenge and a great test for my personal limits and boundaries."

"I am sure it will be an extreme adventure and great achievement."

The race starts on August 9 from Westminster Bridge.

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Brother and sister in TV talent show finals

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Mum and dad Patrick, 54, and Deborah, 50, said their success had been an "amazing lift" while Deborah is fighting breast cancer.

Because she is going through chemotherapy at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital the couple couldn't watch the live show in London.

They watched the performance on TV at home.

Mr Davies said: "It was absolutely incredible to watch, my wife kept on saying to me 'remember to breathe, remember to breathe'."

"We think Ben is a bit of a mini-genius - for his work to be seen in front of all those millions of people is amazing."

"There was no way we could be there though in the crowds because of the risk of my wife

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catching an infection.

"We so wished to be there but we have been so lucky in our lives - and this has helped us through and given us an amazing lift."

The couple gave their tickets to Ben and Joanne's aunt Linda Cooper and grandmother Susan Clark - who made 12 of the costumes for the show.

Deborah said: "It was sad to miss it live but it is so exciting."

"It is a bit of a lifeline as I have been going through a bad time."

"It is really nice to have that kind of positivity, we are really proud of them both."

Joanne said: "I have had many incredible times in dancing but by far this is the greatest dance



• (Left) Dad Patrick with wife Deborah Davies and (right) choreographer son Ben Davies

time of my life."

Deborah, who was diagnosed with cancer in December, has her last chemotherapy session

the day before the Britain's Got Talent live finals on Saturday, June 7.

Also in the final is former Alton



College pupil Michael Auger, 24, as part of five-strong boy band Collabro, who won Monday's semi-finals.

Balloon jungle in town centre makes £250 for hospice

CROWDS came to a halt as a balloon animal jungle sprang up in the middle of Basingstoke's shopping centre.

A team of top balloon modelers worked from 10.30am until 4pm on Saturday building the city centre jungle filled with tigers, elephants and butterflies at The

Malls in Castle Square.

At the end of the day they auctioned off their work, raising more than £250 cash for Basingstoke's St Michael's Hospice.

Balloon modeller John Caudrey was one of the three-strong team from Newbury-based entertainment company Larger than

Life.

He said: "We quite often go there to make the normal cats and dogs so this gave us a chance to build bigger stuff and use our imaginations."

"It went really well. We started with an empty gazebo and build vines and trees around the metal

work before filling it with all kind of animals."

"There were crowds stopping to watch throughout the day as we built it up. The children were fascinated, but adults too."

Mr Caudrey and colleagues David Crofts and Christina Belcher are planning another shopping centre takeo-

ver with an underwater theme on July 13 from 11am until 4pm.

Hospice spokesman Chris Griffiths said: "We are very grateful for the support."

"Without this kind of help from the community we would not be able to provide the support to patients and families we do offer."



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Full council

A FULL meeting of Hampshire County Council tomorrow is due to start at 10am.

A report by the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and a report of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on plans to develop NHS services are on the agenda.

It is due to take place at Elizabeth II Court in the council's Winchester offices in Sussex Street.

Festival launch

BASINGSTOKE'S town centre will be invaded by a fire and smoke-breathing dragon on Friday to launch this year's Basingstoke Festival.

A procession led by the sculpture with dancers and drummers will start outside Debenham's at Central Car Park from 12.45pm.

It will go up Wote Street to Market Place for a 20-minute performance from 1pm.

A second performance will show from 5.30pm in Market Square.

The main programme of more than 100 events for the third festival runs from June 20 to July 13.

Mayor Making

MAYOR of Basingstoke Dan Putty is handing over his robes to the new Mayor Roger Gardiner tonight.

The mayor making ceremony will be held the council chamber of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council offices in London Road.

Mr Gardiner, councillor for the Pamber and Silchester ward, served as deputy mayor from 2013 to 2014.

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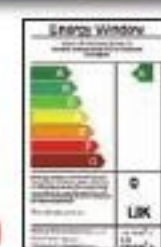
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SE residents send Farage to Europe

UKIP gained two seats in the European elections Hampshire's South East England constituency, following a national trend which saw them shake up politics with a UK-wide win.

Leader Nigel Farage was one of four UKIP MEPs elected to head to Brussels as UKIP secured 751,439 votes.

But despite their South East and national wins, UKIP did not top the polls in Basingstoke and Deane. The party came second to the Conservatives, who netted 15,702 votes to UKIP's 13,969.

Mr Farage described the party's gains as "the most extraordinary result in British politics for 100 years."

The Conservatives went from four seats to three, with Daniel Hannan, Nirj Deva and Richard Ashworth elected.

In third place in Basingstoke was Labour with 7,117 votes.

The Liberal Democrats just managed to edge ahead of the Greens with 3,782 votes to their 3,741.

Exactly 36 people in Basingstoke voted for least popular Harmony Party.

It was a disastrous campaign for the Liberal Democrats nationwide, with their one seat coming in the South East through Catherine Bearder.

Labour kept one seat through Anneliese Dodds, as did the Greens with Keith Taylor.

The South East constituency includes Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, East Sussex, West Sussex, Surrey, the Isle of Wight and Kent.

Election night count gives Labour 3 gains

IT WAS three seats gained for Labour and one lost for the Conservatives, but both parties are claiming victory in last week's Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council elections.

Labour hailed their three seats gained as a sign of change while Tories argued they only lost one.

Two seats gained by Labour were stolen from the Liberal Democrats who suffered a loss of three seats in the borough.

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One third of the council was up for election. The results mean the council's make-up is still one of no overall control – but Conservatives has the most seats with 29 to Labour's 17, Lib Dem's eight, UKIP's two and Independent's two.

Conservative group leader



Terri Reid was elected with 1,179 votes to Labour's 442 in Hatch Warren and Beggarwood.

She said: "We only lost one, which when you consider we have now had four years of austerity, is not bad, and we only lost that seat by 50 votes."

"We have managed to maintain our position which is a very good result for us and an indication of the good work we are doing."

"Labour did manage to take two seats off the Lib Dems but they seemed to collapse nationally. We are still by far the largest party. The council was pretty much hung anyway so it won't make a huge difference."

She added that councillors will continue to work on projects like the Local Plan, and revamping Top of Town and Basing View.

Labour's group leader Laura James welcomed the party's three steals and said the change in votes were a sign of dissatisfaction.

She said: "It was a great night for us. We took three gains which is amazing, it was a brilliant night."

"I think people are disillusioned with the Conservatives."

"We found on the doorstep people criticised the Local Plan and development in the borough."

"I think the general feeling is they are out of touch."

Elected councillors:

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Conservative	Robert Maurice Tate	Baughurst and Tadley North
Labour	Mark Taylor	Brighton Hill North
UKIP	Matt Ellery	Brighton Hill South
Labour	Pamela Lonie	Brighton Hill South
Labour	Michael John Westbrook	Brookvale & Kings Furlong
Labour	Nigel Howard Simms Pierce	Buckskin
Conservative	Graham Falconer	Burghclere, Highclere and St Mary Bourne
Conservative	Paul Miller	Chineham
Conservative	Clive Guy Sanders	East Woodhay
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Conservative	Terri Elizabeth Reid	Hatch Warren & Beggarwood
Conservative	Hayley Kristina Eachus	Kempshott
Labour	Laura James	Norden
Conservative	Stuart Michael Frost	Oakley and North Waltham
Independent	Ian Keith Tilbury	Overton, Laverstoke & Steventon
Labour	David Alan Potter	Popley East
Labour	Paul Matthew Frankum	Popley West
Labour	Sean Keating	South Ham
Liberal Democrat	Keith Ernest Vincent Watts	Whitchurch
Conservative	Laura Jane Edwards	Winklebury

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council:

Conservatives	29 seats	minus 2
Labour	17 seats	plus 3
Liberal Democrats	8 seats	minus 3
UKIP	2 seats	plus 1
Independents	4 seats	plus 1

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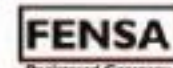
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Search for attacker in unprovoked assault

A TEENAGE boy who was punched and kicked in the face broke his cheekbone in an unprovoked attack.

The 17-year-old was walking in Cayman Close towards Shakespeare Road, Popley, on his way to see a friend at about 10.30am on Saturday, May 10.

He punched in the face by a man he did not know, who approached him from behind.

He fell to the ground and looked up to see three men standing over him. One of the men then kicked him in the face and then they all ran off.

PC Ricky Davis, of Basingstoke Police Station, said: "This was a completely unprovoked attack in which a teenage boy sustained

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nasty injuries.

"Although rare, these types of incidents cannot be allowed to happen."

"This incident happened in a residential area where people may have been out going about their business."

The first man is described as white, in his mid-20s, 6ft 1-2ins tall, of stocky build, clean shaven and had short light brown hair. He was wearing a blue hooded top and grey shorts.

The second man is described as white, aged 17 or 18, 5ft 7-8ins tall, of a medium build, clean shaven and had spikey brown hair with blond highlights. He was wearing a red hooded top and blue jeans.

The third man is described as white, aged in his mid 30s, 5ft 8ins tall, of a skinny build and clean shaven. He was wearing a grey hooded top, grey shorts and white Reebok trainers. He also had a tattoo on the back of his neck which was a word in italics.

Police released an E-fit image of the attacker on Thursday.

They are appealing for anyone with information to call police on 101.



MP backs campaign against overdevelopment

WORRIED residents against overdevelopment in the South-West of the town discussed their concerns with Basingstoke MP Maria Miller.

Mrs Miller backed campaigners Julian Jones, Antony Merriman and Suzanne Haynes of South West Action Group and called for facilities for the new residents to be built before the new houses are built.

A total of 3,400 homes are to be built at Manydown on land South-West of Basingstoke.

Mrs Miller said: "Over the years, both I and a number of

local residents groups have campaigned hard to underline the importance of sustainable development: ensuring that house building only goes ahead if local services and facilities are put in place in advance, and that the full impact on the local environment is taken into account.

"I am delighted that SWAG has formed, which shows the growing level of concern among residents that house building has to be sustainable wherever it is located. Sustainability is a key element of the draft Local Plan,

and I would urge all Basingstoke residents to have their say on the plan before the consultation ends on 13 June."

The Local Plan allocates where 6,940 homes are to be built on sites across the town over the next 15 years.

Comments can be submitted online, through a form from council offices in London Road, or by calling 01256 844844.

• **Maria Miller with (from left to right) Julian Jones, Suzanne Haynes and Antony Merriman**

News Bites

Mayor's toast

MAYOR of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner is toasting the opening of Basingstoke's new wine and spirit shop in one of his first appearances as mayor on Friday.

The Berry Bros. & Rudd is opening its Warehouse Shop, in Hamilton Close, Houndmill, from 2pm.

The wine and spirit merchant claims to be Britain's oldest at more than 300 years old.

It is opening on Friday after being closed for a revamp.

BMA advisors

A BASINGSTOKE company has been re-appointed as the British Medical Association's financial advisors.

Chase de Vere, a firm of independent financial advisers with offices in Basing View, has been chosen as the BMA's financial advisor until 2019.

The BMA is the trade union and professional association for doctors and medical students in the UK.

Travel scheme

HAMPSHIRE County Council has launched a project aimed to get businesses across Basingstoke to sign up to a workplace travel scheme.

Once signed up, people can join eco-driving courses, bike maintenance classes, and travel discounts.

The project adopted by the council, called easiHAMP-SHIRE is aimed at Basingstoke, Andover, Farnborough and Winchester.

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Gone In 60 Seconds

POLICE have launched a new campaign to warn drivers not to leave valuables in their cars.

The Gone in 60 Seconds campaign has seen Hampshire Constabulary add a new car – dubbed Nick – to its fleet to make drivers aware of the speed thieves can strike at.

The car will be parked across Hampshire to remind people about what they might have left behind.

Superintendent Steve Wallace said: "We see time after time, people seem to have a blind spot when it comes to leaving their valuables in their cars."

"People think 'it will never happen to me' or 'I'll only be a minute' and then they wonder why their windows have been smashed and their belongings have been stolen."

Art in the Garden

A BASINGSTOKE artist is among 47 across the UK with work on show at the 15th year of a nationwide art exhibition.

Stephen Towns' abstract sculpture called Ampulla is being showcased at the world-famous Sir Harold Hillier Gardens in Ampfield, Romsey, until October 19.

The collection of 47 artist's work marks the 15th year of Art in the Garden – which exhibits art in the gardens every year.

Hampshire County Council is the garden's trustee. Council leader Roy Perry, said: "The artworks on display add something extra special at this time of year, when the Gardens spring back into life."

Council bids for road repair funds

By Katriona Ormiston

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HAMPSHIRE County Council submitted a bid for its share of a £168million pothole fund last week to fix the county's roads.

The document, sent to the Government's Department of Transport on Thursday, sets out plans to repair some of the county's 5,280-mile road network.

Between April 2013 and March 2014, 100,000 potholes were repaired and more than 36,000m-squared of patches of road fixed in Hampshire.

The bid comes after Prime Minister David Cameron launched a £168m pothole fund in Oxfordshire, inviting councils to apply for the cash last month.

Councillor Roy Perry, leader of Hampshire County Council, said: "Good roads are critical for Hampshire's infrastructure and remain a priority for us, for the economic wellbeing of Hampshire, and the quality of life of those who live here."

"The damage to Hampshire's road network from the rain and



• David Cameron, pictured on a visit to Oxfordshire, has allocated funding for pothole repair networks which need work.

floods this winter was severe, and this comes on top of a legacy of damage from a number of very cold winters."

Hampshire County Council officers estimate it will take more than £36m to repair the roads.

The council did not bid for a specific amount but submitted an application form about the road

networks which need work.

Cllr Perry added: "The Government has given us £11.5million, so far, which is a good start, and in the meantime, we are pressing on with repairing the worst of the damage. There are currently 80 gangs of pothole busters tackling emergency repairs and we are deploying extra equipment in order for repairs to be carried

out on rural roads as quickly as possible.

"However, we are still having to battle against the elements, and following the wettest winter in 250 years, groundwater levels remain high. We have also seen twice the amount of rainfall for an average April. It's imperative we get on with the job of repairing the roads."

Less children being arrested by police force

THE number of children arrested in Hampshire has dropped by 62 per cent in five years, a Freedom of Information request has revealed.

From 2008 to 2013 the number of under-17s arrested fell from 10,458 to 3,929, statistics released on Tuesday showed.

The results from a Freedom of Information request were published by penal reform charity Howard League.

The charity said although steps are being made in the right direction, there are still too many child arrests.

Frances Crook, chief executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "It is encouraging to see that Hampshire Police are making significantly fewer arrests of children than they were in 2008, thanks in part to our effective campaigning."

"Most police services in England and Wales have developed successful local initiatives that resolve issues quickly and cheaply, involve victims in the justice process, and avoid criminalising boys and girls."

"A sharp fall in the number of children entering the justice system is good news for everyone striving to reduce crime."

"The challenge for police now is to maintain this trend."

The arrests fell steadily across Hampshire each year. In 2008, 10,458 children were arrested, in 2009 the number dropped to 9,436, in 2010 it was 8,245, in 2011 it fell to 6,533, to 5,091 in 2012 and to 3,929 last year.

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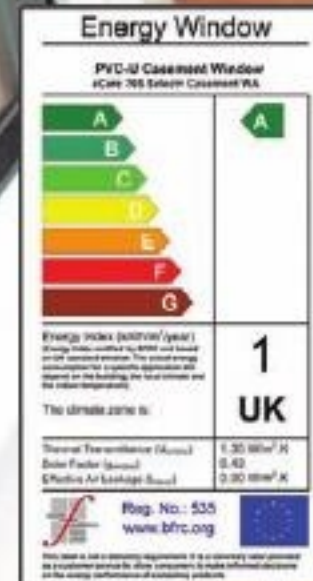
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ST Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from May 23.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 52824 of Tadley, while ticket 78548 of Bramley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Whitchurch ticket 79391, and Basingstoke ticket 04986 gets fourth prize of £20.

Sixteen prizes of £5 go to tickets 02089, 06399, 10789, 11507, 15413, 16798, 23752, 24504, 25201, 28162, 34306, 40598, 54579, 62971, 85062 and 86470.

Road closure

THE A303 eastbound between the A34 and the M3 will be shut overnight for resurfacing until next Thursday, June 5.

The road at Bullington/Micheldever closures between 10pm and 6am started last night for eight nights.

A diversion route will be in place via the A34 and A33.

Donkey racing

SCHOOLCHILDREN will ride their trusty steeds in donkey races at Burnham Copse Primary School in Tadley next month.

A summer fair with donkey races is to be held at from Midday until 4pm at the Newchurch Road school.

The day includes fun fair rides, craft stalls, arena displays and a raffle.

Miller to discuss flight path routes

By Katriona Ormiston

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BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller is meeting the station commander of RAF Odiham to discuss the impact of plans for Chinook helicopters to fly closer to Old Basing.

TAG Farnborough Airport plans to change how airspace over the town and to the east of Basingstoke is used from early next year.

A public consultation by the business aviation airport on flight path changes closed on May 12.

The changes mean RAF Odiham's two departure flight paths will change – one of them would move closer to Old Basing.

Mrs Miller commented on the consultation before it ended earlier this month.

She said last week: "I have looked closely at the proposals put forward by TAG Farnborough Airport. The proposed changes to flight paths into and out of Farnborough do not appear to affect Basingstoke directly."

"I have also looked at the proposed re-routing of Chinooks flying from RAF Odiham to Bramley. The change in route means that the helicopters will be flying closer to Old Basing than previously. I will be meeting the Station Commander at RAF Odiham to discuss these proposals in more detail."

The report states: "We estimate

that, due to the design proposed in this part of the consultation, 345,000 fewer people would be over-flown by flight-paths at low altitudes, below 4,000ft.

"As a result of this proposal, some areas would experience

new or more flights overhead, some fewer, and some would be unchanged."

Hook is over-flown one to three times a day by Farnborough flights.

The town currently sees 5,175 departure and 6,325 arrival plane flights over its skies.

The plans mean there would be no departure flights by 2019 but 8,800 arrival flights.

Because of the changes of airspace, there would be two changes to RAF Odiham's departure routes, which are used by Chinook helicopters – the loudest at the base.

TAG Farnborough Airport plans to submit their Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) report to the UK Civil Aviation Authority for permission later on in the year.



Flight paths are set to change in North Hampshire

Warning to residents after thefts

A SPATE of daytime burglaries in Chineham and Oakridge has sparked a police warning to homeowners.

Between May 10 and May 12 there were two burglaries and two attempted burglaries.

Officers believe the smartly dressed thieves may have been looking for jewellery to steal.

Items were stolen from two homes but in two other attempted burglaries, residents who were at home confronted the burglars.

PC Dave Catchpole said: "In all of these incidents, it seems that a cold calling technique has been used by the offenders. They have either called at the door or been seen in the area by other witnesses, or called at homes days before the incident."

"I would encourage people to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to police straight away."

Victims have described a smartly dressed man in his 30s going door to door before the incidents.

PC Catchpole added: "These incidents are occurring during the daytime so it is possible there will have been other members of the public in the area at the time."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Catchpole on 101.

Police are warning residents to ask for ID if they are unsure about a cold callers and watch out for vulnerable neighbours and family.

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Police reclaim £2m from criminal gains

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Thanks for help

A TEAM of dementia volunteers at Basingstoke's hospital were thanked for their work during Dementia Awareness week last week.

The eight volunteers at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital, in Aldermaston Road, met with chief nurse Donna Green for tea and cake.

She said: "You are making a real difference to our patients and the staff on the wards tell me they can't imagine being without you."

Volunteers meet with patients to organise activities or talk.

Bus cuts feedback

RESIDENTS have until Saturday to give their feedback on planned bus cuts.

The Hampshire County Council consultation on bus services and community transport services is part of a review to save £1.25 to £1.5 million from public and community transport spending by 2015 to 16.

It could include stopping or reducing services.

Residents can call 01962 846785 or email environment.bus.review@hants.gov.uk for a response form, or give feedback online at hants.gov.uk/transportconsultation2014.

MORE than £2million has been seized from the hands of criminals by Hampshire's trading standards team.

Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards team reached the milestone after five years.

They got back more than £1m in confiscation orders in courts.

One man who sold fake electrical goods online was ordered to pay back £300,000.

Another £1m was recovered from scammers.

The council gets about 65 referrals every month about victims of financial abuse.

The team works with the victims to help them get their money back.

Pauline McWilliams, from the teams safeguarding unit, said: "We visit every person to see how they are coping and to find out what's happened."

"For example, someone with a learning disability, or an elderly person, may have paid £15,000 for some double-glazing work after a sales person knocked on their door."

"They may have felt pressurised by the cold call into buying a product they didn't need or want. We would then intervene on their behalf and negotiate with the relevant company to get them a partial or full refund."

"We would argue that the customer didn't have the capacity to make the decision."

The council is calling for victims to come forward.

By **Katriona Ormiston**

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Council leader Roy Perry said: "This milestone is one to be commended and clearly shows crime does not pay."

"It doesn't matter if it is £300,000

that is recovered, or £1, we will look to recover the proceeds."

"Many victims of financial crime or abuse, or indeed other scams, are often vulnerable. The thought of going through the court process and being a witness can make victims simply too anxious to proceed and often victims are too scared to tell any-

one what has happened to them for fear of being judged."

"This can make victims feel socially isolated, force them to suffer real financial hardship and in the most extreme cases, make them feel suicidal."

Victims are urged to call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 040506.

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Carbon warning

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller called for residents in the town to be more aware of the deadly threat of Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

A new survey of 2,000 by Gas Safety Trust found only 13 per cent of people knew the symptoms of the poisoning.

Mrs Miller said on Tuesday: "One of the major problems associated with diagnosing CO poisoning is that the symptoms are very similar to the flu, leading to public being unaware of the fact that they may be being poisoned."

"I urge every householder in Basingstoke to make sure that they have an alarm and have their fuel-burning appliances serviced each year."

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Celebrations for volunteers



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Sisters Rosemary Froome and Margaret Bishop, from Overton, were among residents across Hampshire celebrated for their 10,000 volunteer hours in the last year.

Age Concern Hampshire hosted a buffet lunch for them last week.

The pair help run activities for older people in Harveys Field.

Ms Bishop said: "When we retired we wanted to do something for our community. We

really enjoy meeting the people who come and hearing their stories from the past."

Age Concern Hampshire Chief Executive Rick Smith said "Our charity supports over 58,000 people across the county each year and it is thanks to our wonderful volunteers that we are able to reach so many people."

"We have lots of things going on in Basingstoke including a thriving community café and computer training sessions and are always keen to hear from people who can lend a hand."

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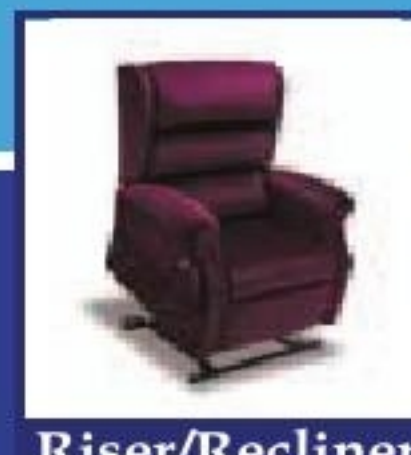
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Brian's songs and sketches

POPULAR entertainer Brian Conley returns to the stage with a brand new one-man tour coming to The Anvil next Wednesday.

'The Real Life of Brian Conley' is a retrospective and comedic look through Brian's career, featuring a mix of sketches and songs from the different shows he has worked on over the past 40 years.

And he covers his years on television, in the West End and in pantomime as part of the show.

"It's a celebration of my illustrious career!" said Brian. "An orgy of fun and frolics, and is as much fun as you can have with your clothes on."

"I do a selection of songs from all the shows I've been in, like 'Hair-spray', 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and 'Oliver'."

"Indirectly I'm saving the audience about £300, because that's how much it would have cost to go and see all of those shows!"

"So as well as having a good laugh, you are saving money when you come and see the show."

By Adam Flinn

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Brian began his career performing in pubs and clubs as a teenager, and made his first appearances on television in the 1980s.

He starred in his own comedy programme 'The Brian Conley Show' in 1992, and the following year began his long running association playing Buttons in pantomime performances of Cinderella.

Brian still appears in panto to this day, as well as in the West End and on TV.

"I've always been a live performer," Brian added. "I always enjoy the comedy side of it and my live acts, especially the freedom that gives you."

"All last year I was playing Fagin in Oliver and was very much locked in the part. It's a great part but you can't digress. But knowing that someone has come to see you is a wonderful buzz, without a doubt it's a highlight."



Heavy metal

BORDON'S Phoenix Theatre is host to an evening of heavy metal tomorrow, presented by alternative comedian Andrew O'Neill.

Heavy Metal: A History, teaches audiences how to headbang and what to do in a moshpit, in a comedic show for fans of the genre or those who have no interest alike.

It starts at 8pm.

Film screenings

RED Carpet Screenings returns to Central Studio on Saturday, featuring a range of short films and clips made by local and independent film makers.

As well as showing independent movies on the big screen, the festival also provides a networking opportunity for actors, directors, camera operators, sound recordists and script writers.

The festival begins at 7pm.

Beauty ballet

BEAUTY and the Beast, one of the greatest love stories ever told, is staged at The Haymarket on Saturday.

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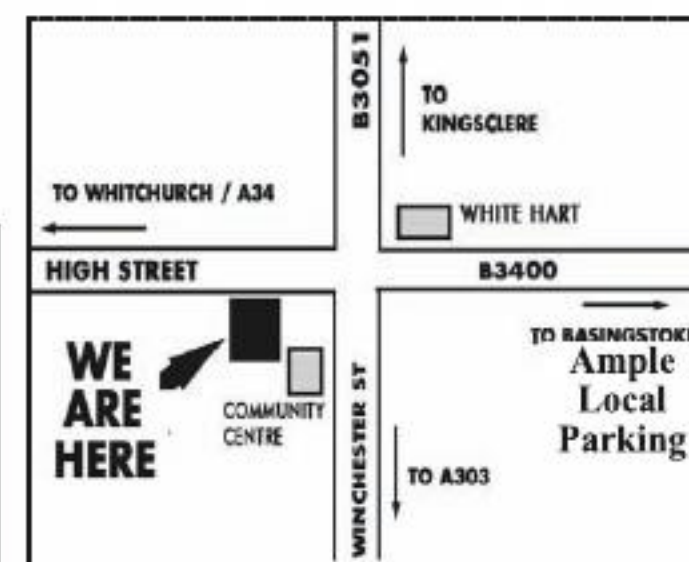
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Show of shoes

CHILDREN'S puppet show Shoe Baby comes to the Bordon Phoenix on Saturday afternoon, in a singalong adventure about a baby who travels the world in a shoe.

It is adapted from Joyce Dunbar's book of the same name, with the music written by Tom Gray of the award winning band Gomez.

The show runs from 2pm to 3pm.

Raymondo

RAYMONDO, described as a show about growing up for grown ups, is staged at the Proteus Creation Space next Wednesday.

Playwright Annie Siddons weaves a dark, funny and lyrical narrative of love and survival, telling the story of Raymondo and Sparky who escape from a cellar they have been locked in for six years.

It is suitable for ages 14 and over, and starts at 7.30pm.

Tribute disco

AN EVENING of tributes to the soldiers of the First World War takes place at Hatch Warren Community Centre on Saturday, with a disco and the music of Rodney Dell.

A vintage market will also be on offer during the evening, as well as displays of photographs from the war.

'The most famous Stones'

THE Counterfeit Stones, one of the world's most successful Rolling Stones tribute acts, return to The Anvil next Thursday.

They have been playing the music of the Stones since 1991 at venues worldwide, with previous performances at Buckingham Palace, Chelsea Football Club and the BBC.

By Adam Flinn

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And even Rolling Stones lead singer Mick Jagger has said that the Counterfeit Stones are "the most famous Stones band in England".

Steve Elson, who performs as Nick Dagger in the group, said: "For those who haven't seen the show before, the Counterfeit Stones is essentially a biopic on stage of the Rolling Stones' career."

"It's all done very chronologically, so all the costumes and songs are in the order they were released, and it covers

all six decades.

"We've been doing it now for over 20 years, so I think we're pretty good at it!"

Steve first began listening to the Rolling Stones' music as a child, when he was introduced to it by his brother.

It started a lifelong love affair with the Stones, with Steve learning to play the guitar soon after and began learning the group's extensive catalogue of songs.

When asked if he had a favourite song, Steve added: "I know it sounds corny, but I like all of them that we do, that's why I've chosen them."

"Songs like 'Paint It Black', 'Honky Tonk Women' and 'Get Off of My Cloud', you can play those anywhere in the world and people go mad when they hear them."

"All of the records in the first seven or eight years, they're all very different. You can't say one record was a 'mark two'."

"They were all so very different, and great because they were memorable songs, and unlike the Beatles you could dance to them."

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• Nick Dagger and the Counterfeit Stones perform at The Anvil next week



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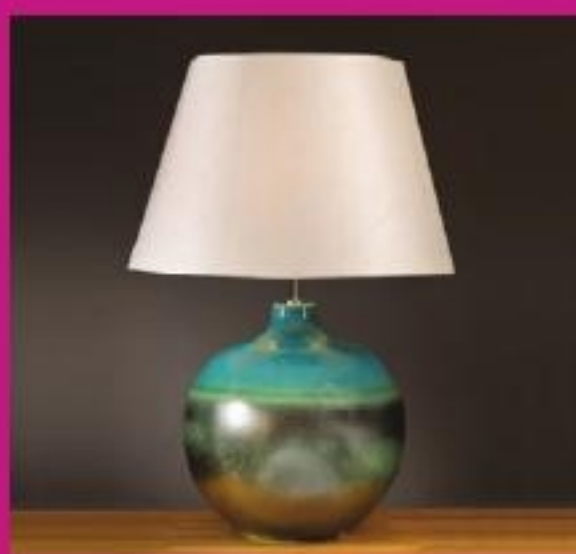
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 4 Extend (6)
8 Cry out (7)
10 Fence in (7)
11 From end to end of (5)
12 Encouraged (5)
13 Alien (9)
16 Criminals (9)
19 Listens (5)
20 Combination (5)
22 Large guns (7)
23 Curve (7)
24 Hit (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 In the interest of (6)
2 Repeat (4)
3 Object of ridicule (8,5)
5 In an attractive way (13)
6 Lengthen (8)
7 Fears (5)
9 Fruit (5)
14 Advance fee (8)
15 Horrifies (6)
17 Tend (5)
18 Feels (6)
21 Demons (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 A friendly round? (6)
8 Was the hill damaged by the excessive rainfall? (7)
10 Exaggerate how he can be put out after a printing measure (7)
11 I shut the door on religion (5)
12 Raise what is in hot surroundings (5)
13 Monkey allowed back before your extra-sensory communication (9)
16 It's concerning the sheriffs' men to the south who occupy the place again (9)
19 Go after the beat of the dance (5)
20 Plundering part of the space below (5)
22 Preparing the sunburnt fruit? (!)
23 Dwarfed by the acrobatics display? (7)
24 Followed that one could sue in the end (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Restricted to the grass? No, to be precise, without it (6)
2 Spoken from the floor a lot (4)
3 It leaves the hermit and Venus with the characteristics of both sexes (13)
5 Your hat is such a change from a prehistoric relic (13)
6 A hymn that is able to give pleasure, we hear (8)
7 Chooses a select move (6)
9 It makes no difference if you reverse this principle (5)
14 Washes below in surroundings that last endlessly (8)
15 Fasten the major product (6)
17 Spasms of unhesitating anger in the postscript (5)
18 I'd be among the rest, anyhow, and walk (6)
21 A customary obligation, for example (4)

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Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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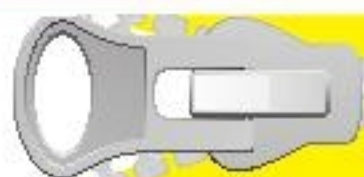
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Cryptic Crossword

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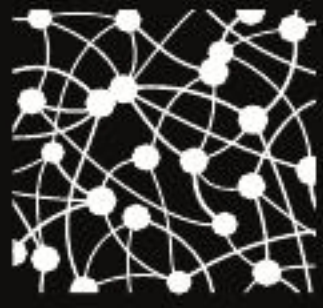
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And they call it poppy love...

During the First World War, the blasted and bombed battlefields across Europe created ideal conditions for the poppy to flourish

IT WAS a sight which, in 1915, inspired Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae to write the well-known war poem *In Flanders Fields*, with poppies growing there 'row on row', and as such, this vivid red flower has become synonymous with the great loss of life and sacrifices made in war.

This year, to mark the centenary of the start of the First World War, poppy displays will rightly abound nationwide.

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is creating a poppy field to be in full bloom in late July, Gunby Hall and Gardens in Lincolnshire has its own poppy trail, and there's poppy planting at Sheffield Park in East Sussex (www.nationaltrust.org.uk) and beautiful displays at Dyrham Park near Bath.

Poppies will also feature heav-

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ily in Birmingham City Council's exhibit in the Great Pavilion at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show this year, while tens of thousands of poppies have also been sown by children, soldiers, civic leaders, community organisations, clergy and faith groups nationwide as a joint act of remembrance.

The field poppy or corn poppy, *Papaver rhoeas*, is the poppy of wartime remembrance. This annual flower can lie dormant for many years before germination which is then often triggered when the soil is disturbed. It's perfect planted in a sunny wildflower garden or a meadow where it will self-seed freely.

Throughout history, a new

generation of corn poppies was germinated each year as land was ploughed and grain scattered. It is a plant relevant to many cultures - to the Egyptians it symbolised blood and rebirth, while the Romans hailed it as the sacred crop of Ceres.

Its family, *papaveraceae*, is relatively small, with less than 800 species, but the types vary greatly in size and colour. Among the largest are the flowers of *P. orientale* Goliath Group, appearing atop shoulder-high stems. The petals share the same tissue-paper look as their smaller cousins, yet poppy types range from the toughest hardy perennials to pretty annuals, from giants with tall spires such as *P. pilosum*, to ground-hugging alpine. They are all followed by round decorative seedpods.

By far the most showy and most familiar in the garden is *Papaver orientale*, which adds dramatic highlights to early summer with their spectacular blooms. The typical oriental poppy is a hardy perennial which produces scarlet flowers with a black blotch at the bottom of each petal, but you can get other colours including pink, orange, white and plum. Stunning varieties include 'Mrs Perry', with large salmon-pink blooms and 'Patty's Plum', which is dark and dramatic.

Most named oriental poppies are sterile and can be propagated by root cuttings, while species poppies rely on seed to

keep them going. *P. somniferum*, the opium poppy enjoyed for its ornamental value, is a prolific self-seeder, but it's best to save some of its seeds to sow where you actually want them to be.

All poppies have a dainty appearance but many don't need staking. However, you must remove the dead blooms to prolong the flowering season. Good

companions to oriental poppies include the frothy flowers of *Gypsophila paniculata*, penstemon and agapanthus.

So while the field poppy will always remain one of the most powerful and poignant images of remembrance, its wider family in all its glorious colours and forms has earned itself a well-deserved place in the British garden.



Above: A field of poppies. Photo: PA Photo/Steve Patterson



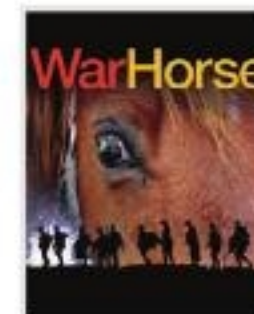
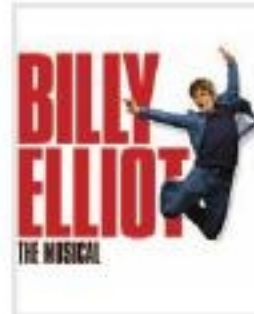
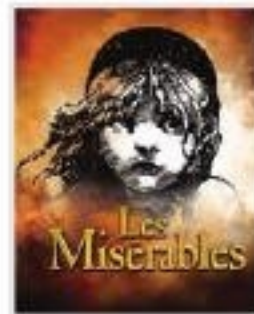
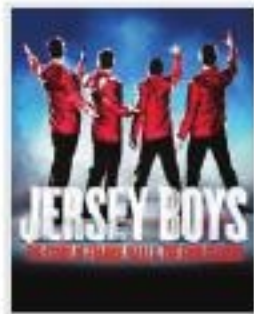
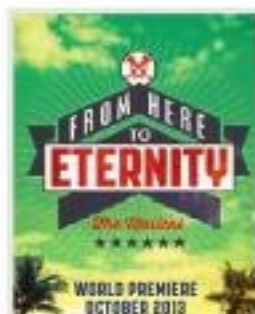
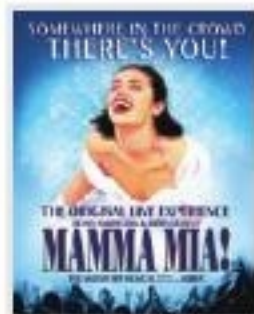
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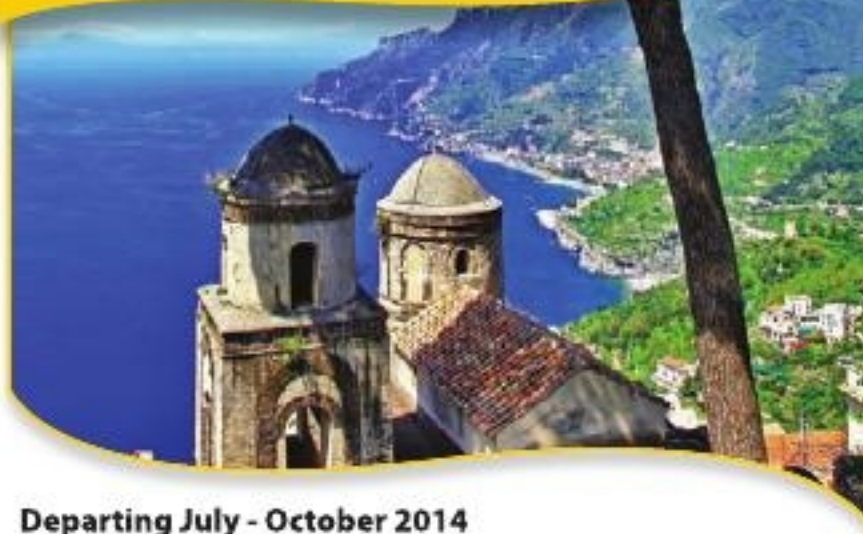
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Ford awarded the title of 'Van Manufacturer of the Year' for second successive time

New Transit is award-winner

FORD'S new transit range returned from this year's Van Fleet World Honours laden with five awards.

Judges at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in London's Pall Mall dubbed the car company overall Van Manufacturer of the Year for the second time in a row.

There were awards for the recently launched Transit Connect, which won both Best New Van and Best Small Van categories, and for Transit Custom, which was judged Best Medium Van and also won the Security Award. The Ford Ranger earned Best Pick-Up.

Ford Transit has a history of success in the Fleet World Honours, which are presented by the trade publication to manufacturers, service companies and individuals for excellence in their sector.

It is the fifth year in a row that the Transit family has been recognised.

Van Fleet World managing editor John Kendall said of Ford's Van Manufacturer of the Year title: "Not a difficult choice for the judges given the comprehensive renewal of Ford's van range that is still going on."

"To date they have all been class-

REVIEW: Ford Transit Connect

By Philip Shoulder

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leading to drive, too, which makes Ford a worthy winner."

Receiving the awards for Ford, Phil Hollins, director fleet operations, said: "In little over a year the market-leading Ford Transit range has been renewed and expanded to four models, from the new compact Transit Courier and Transit Connect, through Transit Custom to Transit, with its cargo capacity of more than two tonnes."

Of the Best New Van and Best Small Van award for the Transit Connect, editor of Van Fleet World Dan Gilkes said: "Transit Connect has taken a massive step forward this year, offering increased load volume and carrying capacity, complete with some innovative load carrying solutions, such as the load-through bulkhead and fold-flat passenger seat. There have been changes under the bonnet, too."

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Representative Finance example for SEAT Ibiza 1.4 Toca 3dr: Price £9495.00, Deposit £1695.00, Balance financed £7800.00, Interest Charges £1512.20 (including £175.00 and £175.00 fee payable with the first and last payments respectively). Payable by 60 monthly payments of £149.37 commencing one month after delivery, APR 7.5% Total payable £11007.20. A guarantor or indemnity may be required. Subject to status. Licensed Credit Brokers. Written quotations on request. Vehicles are shown for illustration purposes only. These offers supersede all previously advertised offers. Prices correct at time of going to press. Offers are subject to availability. Licensed credit brokers, written details available on request. Finance is subject to status. E&OE. 0844/0843 Numbers charged at local rate. 1111

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RENAULT CLIO DYNAMIQUE MEDIANAV Representative example

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Customer deposit	£1240	Finance facility fee	£99	Duration (months)	49
Cash price	£13,195	Optional final payment	£5008	Fixed interest rate p.a.	6.12%
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*£1250 deposit contribution is available to new Renault Finance customers when taking Renault Finance on a new Renault Clio or Captur (excluding Clio Expression and Renaultsport). Offers cannot be used with other schemes or finance offers and are available on specified new vehicles when ordered between 1 and 31 May 2014, and registered by 30 June 2014. Clio shown has optional metallic paint, available at an additional £395. Captur shown has optional i.d. metallic paint at £495 and painted roof at £300.

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Ibis White, Black Vienna Leather, 30k £15,950

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A3 13/63 Saloon 1.8 TFSI Sport S Tronic

Glacier White, Black Alcantara Leather, 6.5k £26,450

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Met Phantom Black, Black Leather, 14k £19,950

A4 13/13 2.0 TDI SE Technik

Met Lava Grey, Black Milano Leather, 14k £19,950

A4 12/62 2.0 TDI S Line

Met Phantom Black, Black Cloth/Leather, 19k £19,950

A4 14/63 2.0 TDI Black Edition

Misano Red, Black Fine Nappa Leather, 13k £26,850

A4 14/63 2.0 TDI Black Edition

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A4 13/63 2.0 TDI S Line

Met Lava Grey, Black Cloth & Leather, 11k £22,950

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Phantom Black, Black Cloth & Leather, 7.6k £25,650

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Met Scuba Blue, Black Cloth/Leather, 4.3k £28,950

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Met Monsoon Grey, Black leather, 1.6k £34,650

A3 12/12 Cabriolet 2.0 TDi S Line

Pearl Deep Sea Blue, Black Cloth/Leather, 17k £20,950

S4 3.0 TFSI V6 quattro STronic Avant

Met Glacier White, Black leather, 9k £36,950

A5 12/12 2.0 TDi S Line Coupe

Pearl Moonlight Blue, Black leather, 31k £23,450

A5 14/63 3.0 TDI quattro Black Edition Coupe

Shiraz Red, Black leather, 3k £38,950

A5 13/13 Sportback 1.8 TFSI S Line

Met Dakota Grey with Black Leather, 7k £25,444

A5 Sportback 2.0 TFSI quattro S Line

Met Condor Grey, Black Leather, 13.5k £23,450

A5 14/63 Sportback 2.0 TDI SE Technik

Ibis White, Black Milano Leather, 6k £28,650

A5 13/63 Sportback 2.0 TDI S Line

Pearl Moonlight Blue, Black leather, 7k £28,450

A6 3.0 Bi TDI quattro S Line

Met Aviator Blue, Black Valcona Leather, 7k £39,450

A6 13/13 3.0 TDI quattro S Line

Met Ice Silver, Black Valcona Leather, 11.5k £33,950

A6 2.0 TDI S Line Avant

Met Aviator Blue, Black Valcona Leather, 2.7k £28,550

A6 13/63 2.0 TDI S Line Avant

Met Oolong Grey, Black Valcona Leather, 9k £29,450

A6 11/11 2.0 TDI SE Avant

Met Condor Grey, Black Milano Leather, 46k £17,950

A7 13/63 Sportback 3.0 TDI quattro Black Ed

Met Phantom Black, Black Leather, 15k £39,950

A7 13/63 Sportback 3.0 TDI quattro S Line

Pearl Phantom Black, Black Leather, 11k £39,450

TT 13/63 Coupe 2.0 TFSI quattro Black Edition

Met Scuba Blue, Black Nappa leather, 3.8k £29,450

TT 13/63 Coupe 2.0 TDI quattro Sport

Met Oolong Grey, Black Leather, 8.8k £25,950

TT 13/63 RS Coupe 2.5 TFSI quattro RS Plus

Pearl Sepang Blue, Black Leather, 8k £39,950

Q5 13/63 2.0 TDI quattro SE

Met Monsoon Grey, Black Leather, 6.4k £32,450

Q5 11/11 2.0 TDI quattro S Line

Pearl Phantom Black, Black Leather, 32k £25,950

Q7 14/63 4.2 TDI quattro S Line Plus

Met Orca Black, Black Leather Plus, 6.6k £57,450

R8 13/63 4.2 quattro S Tronic Coupe

Met Suzuka Grey, Black leather, 613 miles £82,996



Q7 13/13 4.2 TDI quattro SLine

Pearl Mugello Blue, Black Leather, 3k £43,950



A5 13/13 2.0 TDI quattro SLine Coupe

Pearl Lava Grey, Black Leather, 377mls £24,950



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£182 DEPOSIT | £182 PER MONTH

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WAS £9,140 **NOW £4,495**

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Representative finance example for Vauxhall Astra Exclusiv 1.6 Auto: Cash price £7,000.00, Deposit £150.00, Total amount of credit £6,850.00, Purchase fee £10.00, Credit facility fee £340.00, Total amount payable £9,387.17 Initial payment £175.00, 58 monthly payments £150.63, Final payment £325.63, Duration of agreement 60 months, Representative APR 13.0% Interest rate 10.56%.

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63 PLATE FORD TRANSIT CUSTOM KOMBI TREND
Was £19995+VAT
Now £18495+VAT

SAVE
£1500



£369
PER MONTH

OVER 950 FORDS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM

58 PLATE HONDA JAZZ 1.4 ES 5DR
55,000 MILES IN SILVER
Was £7495 Now £6495

SAVE
£1000



£133
PER MONTH

OVER 100 HONDAS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM

13 63 FORD KA STUDIO CONNECT
Was £9,545 Now £7,995

SAVE
£1,550



£159
PER MONTH

OVER 950 FORDS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM

60 PLATE SEAT IBIZA 1.4 SE 5DR
29,000 MILES IN BLACK
Was £8995 Now £7495

SAVE
£1500



OVER 60 SEATS
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Finance example Honda Jazz 1.4 ES 5dr: Price £6495.00. Deposit £99.00. Balance financed £6396.00. Interest Charges £1949.00 (including £175.00 and £175.00 fee payable)

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**SAVE
£1000**

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IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM**

11 11 CITROEN C3 PICASSO 1.6 HDI VTR PLUS
Was £16,245 Now **£7,995**



**SAVE
£8,250**

**£120
PER MONTH**

**OVER 75 CITROENS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM**

11 11 CITROEN C3 5DR 1.4 VTR PLUS
Was £13,495 Now **£7,394**



**SAVE
£5,394**

**ESTATES
ALWAYS 30 IN STOCK**

13 62 FORD FIESTA 1.25 ZETEC 5DR
Was £11,495 Now **£9,995**



**SAVE
£1,500**

**£199
PER MONTH**

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13 63 FORD KA 1.2 STUDIO CONNECT 3DR (START STOP)
Was £8,995 Now **£8,450**



**SAVE
£545**

**AUTOMATICS
ALWAYS 30 IN STOCK**

13 13 SEAT TOLEDO 1.2 TSI SE 5DR
Was £11,995 Now **£9,995**



**SAVE
£2,000**

**£180
PER MONTH**

**OVER 60 SEATS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM**

10 60 FORD FOCUS 1.6 SPORT 5DR
Was £8,995 Now **£7,450**



**SAVE
£1,545**

**MPV'S/SUV'S
ALWAYS 30 IN STOCK**

13 63 SUZUKI ALTO 1.0 SZ
Was £7,199 Now **£5,495**



**SAVE
£1,704**

**OVER 25 SUZUKIS
IN STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM**

12 12 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI SRi
Was £25,235 Now **£8,495**



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Representative finance example for Peugeot 107: Cost Price £6550.00, Deposit £107.00, Amount of Finance £6443.00, Period 60 Months, First Payment £107.38, 58 Monthly Payments £107.38, Final Payment £107.58, APR 0.0%. Terms and conditions apply. Vehicles are shown for illustration purposes only. These offers supersede all previously advertised offers. Prices correct at time of going to press. Offers are subject to availability. Licensed credit brokers, written details available on request, finance is subject to status. E6OE. 0844 Numbers charged at local rate. 55103

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- Air Conditioning
- Electric Windows
- Alloy Wheels

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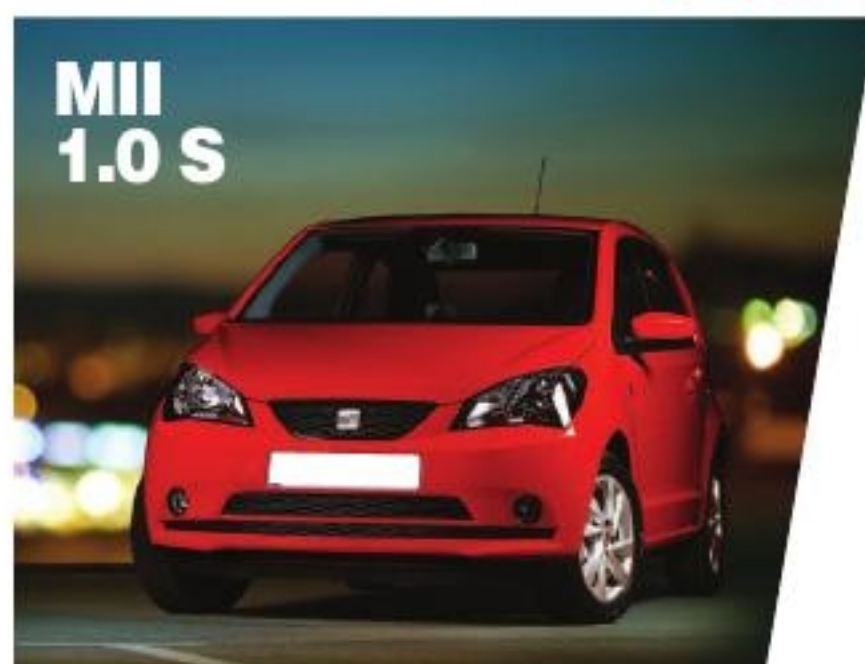
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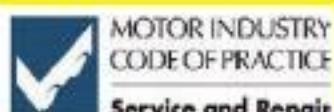
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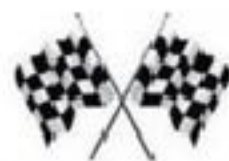
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One in, one out for Bison squad

Four under for Rose at Wentworth

JUSTIN Rose had a solid if unspectacular weekend in the BMW PGA Championship at Surrey's Wentworth course, finishing on four under par.

The North Hampshire golfer carded rounds of 70, 73, 70 and 71 to finish 10 shots behind eventual winner Rory McIlroy.

His tournament got off to a difficult start last Thursday, as he bogeyed the first three holes in succession.

He pulled two shots back with an eagle on the fourth, with five birdies and two bogeys coming on the rest of his round for a two under par score of 70.

Three bogeys and two birdies followed on the Friday, resulting in a 71 to put Rose one under par going into the weekend.

Four birdies in a row on Saturday helped to get Rose back into contention, but his hard work was undone on the 11th with a double bogey, as he posted another 70.

And a one under par round of 71 on the Sunday meant he finished the tournament 25th.

Rose is scheduled to play in the Memorial Tournament in Dublin today, ahead of defending his US Open crown in Pinehurst, North Carolina, on Thursday, June 12.

BASINGSTOKE Bison have re-signed blue-liner Matt Selby for the upcoming English Ice Hockey Premier League (EPL) season, the club announced last week.

The 18-year-old joined Bison at the end of the 2012/13 season and played with The Herd in their last campaign, helping the squad to the English Premier League Cup and play-off trophies.

He previously played in the Elite League with Coventry Blaze, which made winning the play-off title with Bison in Coventry last month even better for him.

Selby said: "Last season was the best of my career so far, and it was really nice to win a trophy in Coventry, where so many people there know me."

"I am really looking forward to playing a full season for the Bison and this is a big year for me."

"I have been training hard already and I will not be changing the way I play."

By Adam Flinn

news@basingstokeobserver.co.uk

Bison player/coach Doug Sheppard said: "Matt is someone I am looking forward to coaching and I think a full year with the Bison is going to help his development."

"He is a good young player who brings a lot of energy to the team."

Meanwhile, it was also announced that 16-year-old forward Danny Ingoldsby has left the squad.

Ingoldsby joined the Herd at the start of last season, and hopes to gain more playing time elsewhere.

Sheppard added: "It was a pleasure to coach Danny in his rookie season. He made a big impression during pre-season and continued to shine throughout the campaign."

"There's no question that he's got a bright future in this sport



but, right now, the best thing for him is to get some extra ice."

"We will certainly be keeping an eye on his development and he goes with our best wishes."

"This doesn't diminish our commitment towards developing the future of our sport. Young players were a vital part of our

success last season and will be again this campaign."

• **Doug Sheppard (pictured) is pleased to have kept Matt Selby for the upcoming season (Picture by Grant King (5holephotography.co.uk))**

Macey leaves Jam Boys after successful tenure



WHITCHURCH United's first team manager Jim Macey has resigned due to personal reasons after four years in charge.

The Jam Boys finished 13th in the Wessex Premier Division earlier this year, after a strong start to the season saw them well-placed in the top-10 for much of that time.

Macey guided Whitchurch to promotion from the Wessex First Division last year, and also took

the club on their best ever FA Cup run.

Club chairman Brian Jackman said: "The committee and I were saddened to receive Jim's resignation as first team manager but fully understand why."

"Whitchurch United would like to place on record our utmost appreciation for everything that he has done for the club since his appointment."

"He has ended his time with Whitchurch helping them to fin-

ish mid-table in their first season in the Sydenham's (Wessex) Premier League.

"The club would like to wish Jim the best of luck in his future endeavours."

Whitchurch are now looking for a new manager, and applicants are asked to forward their CV to chairman.wufc@gmail.com, or to call Brian Jackman 07717 583526 to arrange an interview.

• **Jim Macey**

Sport Bites

Rain stops play

NORTH Hampshire's cricket teams' matches all fell foul of the weather at the weekend.

Basingstoke and North Hants' match against Liphook and Ripsley, Hook and Newnham Basic's fixture versus Fawley and Hartley Wintney's trip to Paulsons were all cancelled.

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Ladies lose

BASINGSTOKE Town Ladies ended their season sixth in the Southern Region Women's Football Premier Division.

They lost their final game 6-1 at home to league runners-up Woodley United, but other results meant they hung on to their final position.

The squad ended the season with 17 points, one ahead of sixth, seventh and eighth-placed Parley Sports, Mansfield Road and Oxford City.

Wins for brothers

RUNNERS Owen and Myles Richardson helped Basingstoke and Mid Hants Athletics Club win their second match of the season in Division One of the Southern Athletics League.

Owen won the A string 400m race in a personal best of 48.57s, while brother Myles took victory in the B string 200m race in 21.87s.

Other winners for Basingstoke included Andy Blow, Luca Chiossone, Rebecca Sleep, Gemma Finch, Sam Sleep, Tobin Hutton-Brown and Joe Flitcroft.

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Ray and Soares are latest names to sign new deal with Basingstoke TOWN ADD TWO MORE TO SQUAD

BASINGSTOKE Town boss Jason Bristow has continued to add to his squad this week, with the signings of Louie Soares and David Ray.

Defender Ray made 36 appearances for Town last season, scoring in the 3-0 win against Farnborough back in March.

And midfielder Soares started 20 matches last season and came on from the bench six times, scoring a total of four goals.

"David has been a massive positive for us throughout the whole season," said Bristow.

"He's been a good leader for us on the pitch, and his performances have been excellent all season long.

"He's just grown from strength to strength, so we're really pleased to get him back on-board.

"With Louie, he's another player who's vital to what we're trying to achieve.

"He's got a lot of energy, real pace and is a very intelligent footballer, so once again he's going to be a player that we can use in a number of different positions."

Seven players have also left the club, after they were not offered a new contract.

By Adam Flinn

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Goalkeeper Louis Wells, defenders Adam Green and Ross Adams, midfielders Wes Daly and Neil Barrett and striker trio Robbie Matthews, Kezie Ibe and Jordace Holder-Spooner have been released by the club.

At this stage last year Bristow had already signed most of the squad, but is prepared to be more patient in finding the right players this year.

He added: "I think we can afford to be a little bit patient, and invite people in for pre-season, have a real good look at them and see what they've got to offer us.

"There won't be too much activity before pre-season starts, but if the right person comes along then we'd be silly not to take him. We're certainly not in a rush though."

A fourth pre-season has also been announced, with Town travelling to Hungerford on July 19, alongside games against Winchester City on July 8, Yeovil Town on July 12 and Newport County on July 22.



• David Ray (left) and Louie Soares have re-signed for Basingstoke Town (Pictures by Les Chase)

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